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ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBER OF MAINE PERSONS WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS

MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION NEW ENGLANDERS WERE EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME BASIS DURING 1984. OF THIS NUMBER, MORE THAN 245,000 WERE WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

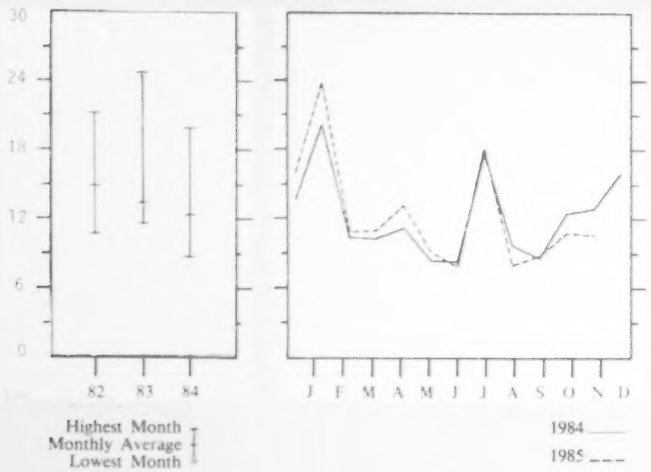
DURING 1984, APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ALL NEW ENGLANDERS WHO WERE WORKING PART-TIME WERE DOING SO INVOLUNTARILY BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. ECONOMIC REASONS INCLUDE: THE INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGES, SLACK WORK, AND REPAIRS TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT. NATIONALLY, MORE THAN 28 PERCENT OF PART-TIMERS WERE ON LESS THAN FULL-TIME SCHEDULES FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND, MAINE, WITH OVER 28 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PART-TIME EMPLOYED DESIRING WORK ON FULL-TIME SCHEDULES, HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME WORKERS. CONNECTICUT HAD THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF THESE WORKERS IN THE REGION, WITH NEARLY 17 PERCENT.

THERE WERE SHARP DIFFERENCES IN THE INCIDENCE OF PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND LAST YEAR, 31 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED WOMEN WERE WORKING PART-TIME, 83 PERCENT OF THEM VOLUNTARILY. AMONG EMPLOYED MEN IN THE REGION, HOWEVER, ONLY 10.7 PERCENT WERE WORKING PART-TIME SCHEDULES, WITH MORE THAN ONE QUARTER OF THEM WORKING PART-TIME BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. NATIONALLY, A SOMEWHAT SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF MEN WERE ON PART-TIME SCHEDULES DURING 1984 THAN WAS THE CASE IN NEW ENGLAND.

AMONG THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, VOLUNTARY PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WAS MOST PREVALENT IN RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, AND MASSACHUSETTS WITH 16 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE WORK FORCE CHOOSING LESS THAN A 35-HOUR WORK SCHEDULE. IN TOTAL, 15.9 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS AND 13.7 PERCENT OF ALL WORKERS NATIONWIDE WERE ON VOLUNTARY PART-TIME SCHEDULES LAST YEAR. THESE PERCENTAGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY CONSTANT OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS.

(SEE RELATED TABLE ON PAGE 2)

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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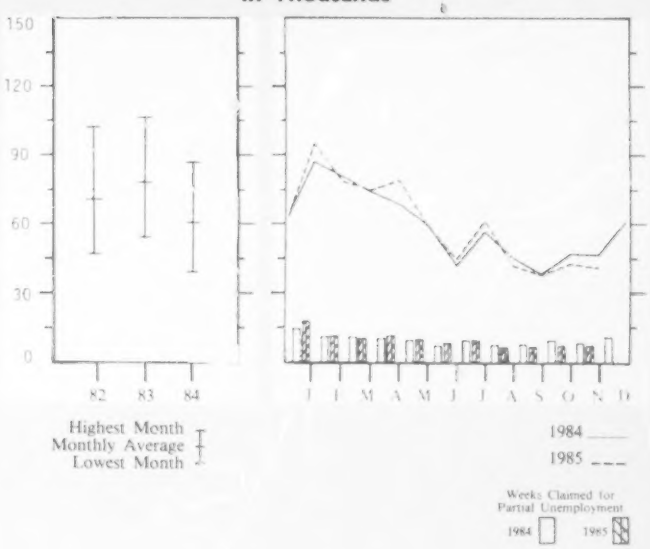
in Thousands



DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY FULL- AND PART-TIME STATUS
1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Maine	N.H.	Vt.	New England	United States
Total employment.... (in thousands)	2,906	1,595	464	518	498	255	6,236	105,005
Full-time schedules.	80.3%	81.5%	78.0%	77.6%	80.5%	79.2%	80.2%	80.8%
Part-time for economic reasons..	3.7	3.1	5.2	6.4	3.7	5.5	3.9	5.5
Voluntary part-time.	16.0	15.4	16.8	16.0	15.8	15.3	15.9	13.7

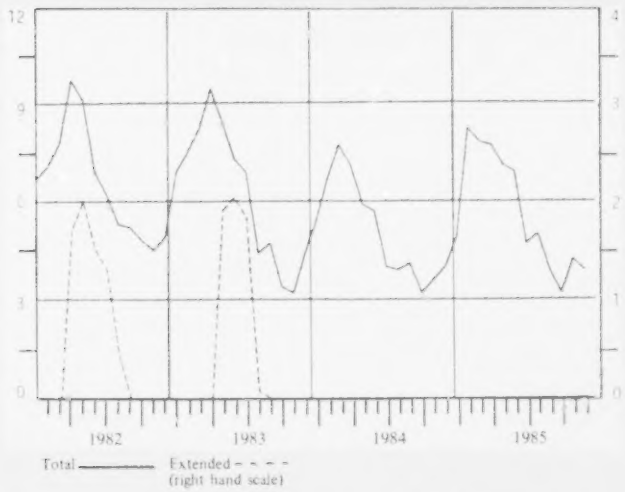
Source: Selected portions of an August 9, 1985 news release entitled "20 Percent of All Employed New Englanders Work Part-Time; One Third of Working Women are Part-Timers," published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston Regional Office.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

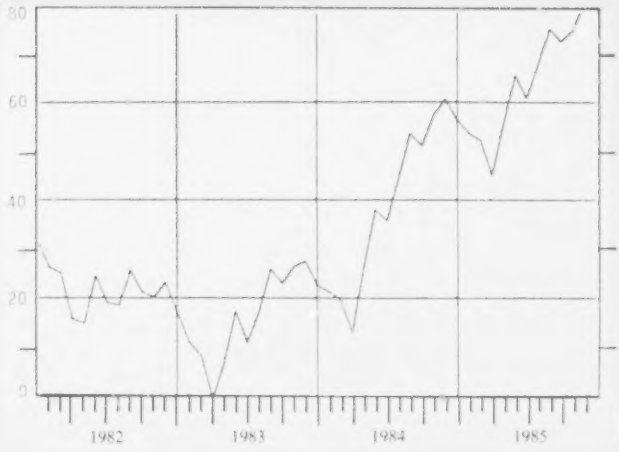
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	459.1	464.3	450.4	106.8	107.1	104.1	37.3	37.5	36.6
Total Manufacturing	104.8	105.2	109.4	16.2	16.0	16.2	10.4	10.6	11.0
Durable Goods	43.3	43.8	45.8	7.8	7.6	8.1	2.4	2.5	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.8	15.0	14.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.7	4.2	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.4	9.4	9.5	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.0	9.4	9.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.7	3.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	60.5	61.4	63.6	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.7	8.2	7.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.8	7.0	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.4
Apparel	4.4	4.3	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.2	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.8	4.8	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.2	4.2	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	14.0	14.3	16.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.7	3.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.5	11.7	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.1	2.6
Other Leather Products	2.5	2.6	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.4	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	354.3	359.1	341.0	90.6	91.1	87.9	26.9	26.9	25.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	23.3	24.4	20.2	5.9	6.2	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.5	19.9	19.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	20.8	20.9	20.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	86.4	87.7	83.5	22.8	22.6	22.5	7.1	6.9	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	20.9	20.0	9.5	9.4	9.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	93.2	96.4	89.8	24.0	24.5	23.1	9.3	9.5	8.8
Government	90.0	88.7	87.7	14.9	14.8	14.4	3.6	3.6	3.5
Federal	18.7	18.6	18.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.3	70.1	69.3	13.3	13.2	12.8	3.3	3.3	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 36, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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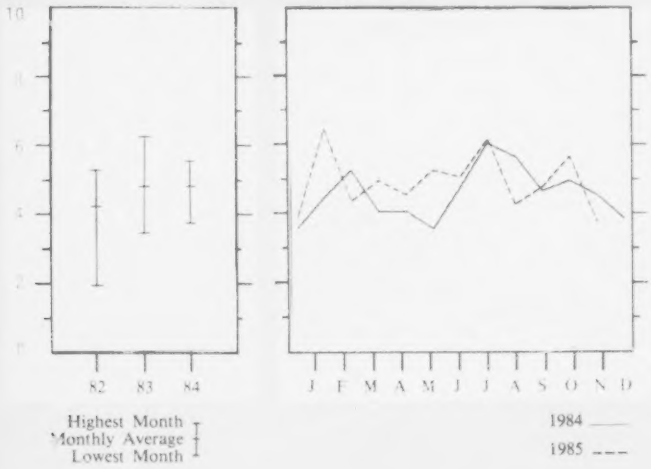
New Applications For Work

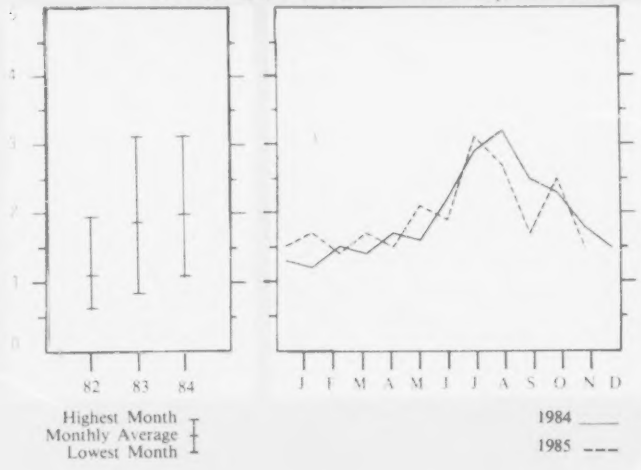
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$349.05	$333.43	$338.85	39.8	39.6	40.1	$8.77	$8.42	$8.45	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	348.96	332.13	346.32	39.7	38.8	40.6	8.79	8.56	8.53	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	339.55	341.65	316.41	39.3	40.1	39.7	8.64	8.52	7.97	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	367.44	352.70	332.64	43.9	42.7	42.0	8.37	8.26	7.92	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	396.45	372.37	369.34	41.6	40.3	42.6	9.53	9.24	8.67	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	288.80	281.98	296.06	38.1	37.2	38.7	7.58	7.58	7.65	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	387.08	326.16	414.81	39.7	36.0	41.9	9.75	9.06	9.90	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	349.52	334.03	333.92	39.9	40.1	39.8	8.76	8.33	8.39	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	245.84	245.16	243.57	36.1	36.7	36.3	6.81	6.68	6.71	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	279.33	268.66	266.88	40.6	40.4	41.7	6.88	6.65	6.40	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	207.77	208.80	196.42	35.7	36.0	35.2	5.82	5.80	5.58	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	594.00	548.34	558.67	45.0	44.4	45.2	13.20	12.35	12.36	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	216.71	218.25	211.77	36.3	37.5	36.2	5.97	5.82	5.85	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	312.17	312.83	288.07	40.7	41.0	39.3	7.67	7.63	7.33	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	362.52	341.38	337.00	38.2	38.1	39.6	9.49	8.96	8.51	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	261.50	258.61	251.84	38.4	38.2	37.7	6.81	6.77	6.68	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	236.1	239.8	238.4
Unemployed	12.9	11.6	15.9
(Percent)	5.5%	4.8%	6.7%
Resident Employed	223.1	228.2	222.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	326.6	325.5	315.3	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	536.7	545.8	548.1	512.2	524.7	518.8	24.5	21.1	29.3	4.6	3.9	5.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,000	48,000	47,900	46,100	46,400	45,700	1,900	1,600	2,200	4.0	3.3	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,200	41,400	42,000	38,800	39,400	39,300	2,400	2,000	2,700	5.8	4.8	6.4
Portland MSA	103,500	104,300	104,700	100,700	101,800	101,100	2,800	2,500	3,600	2.7	2.4	3.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	104,940	105,560	102,980	101,960	102,860	98,210	2,986	2,700	4,770	2.8	2.6	4.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,820	30,060	30,830	28,490	28,780	29,270	1,330	1,280	1,560	4.5	4.3	5.1
Bath-Brunswick	24,670	24,100	26,060	23,800	23,320	25,120	870	780	940	3.5	3.2	3.6
Belfast	10,010	10,490	11,560	9,140	9,780	10,390	870	710	1,170	8.7	6.8	10.1
Biddeford	23,570	24,130	23,200	22,690	23,330	22,060	880	800	1,140	3.7	3.3	4.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,170	10,050	8,460	8,730	9,720	7,980	440	330	480	4.8	3.3	5.7
Calais-Eastport	14,710	15,110	15,420	13,830	14,360	14,280	880	750	1,140	6.0	5.0	7.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,970	20,910	21,250	19,390	19,740	19,300	1,580	1,170	1,950	7.5	5.6	9.2
Central Penobscot	4,530	4,520	4,390	4,340	4,340	4,190	190	180	200	4.2	4.0	4.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,460	6,550	6,620	6,150	6,270	6,280	310	280	340	4.8	4.3	5.1
Ellsworth	21,280	23,450	21,520	20,350	22,790	20,220	930	660	1,300	4.4	2.8	6.0
Farmington	12,420	12,660	13,290	11,560	11,830	12,270	860	830	1,020	6.9	6.6	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,880	5,940	5,900	5,510	5,660	5,520	370	280	380	6.3	4.7	6.4
Greenville	1,440	1,440	1,740	1,350	1,380	1,610	90	60	130	6.3	4.2	7.5
Houlton	5,210	5,290	5,150	4,890	5,040	4,820	320	250	330	6.1	4.7	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	23,180	23,350	22,730	22,800	23,120	22,020	380	230	710	1.6	1.0	3.1
Lincoln-Howland	6,270	6,220	6,190	5,960	5,920	5,910	310	300	280	4.9	4.8	4.5
Livermore Falls	3,300	3,440	3,670	3,040	3,190	3,320	260	250	350	7.9	7.3	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,090	4,180	4,200	3,810	3,930	3,880	280	250	320	6.8	6.0	7.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,430	5,430	5,430	5,220	5,240	5,240	210	190	190	3.9	3.5	3.5
Norway-Paris	8,940	9,130	9,100	8,380	8,650	8,450	560	480	650	6.3	5.3	7.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,740	2,740	2,560	2,610	2,650	2,450	130	90	110	4.7	3.3	4.3
Rockland	17,870	18,530	19,130	17,110	17,960	18,140	760	570	990	4.3	3.1	5.2
Rumford	9,300	9,560	9,760	8,780	9,130	9,050	520	430	710	5.6	4.5	7.3
Sanford	12,520	12,780	13,170	11,700	11,930	12,360	820	850	810	6.5	6.7	6.2
Sebago Lakes Region	9,130	10,120	8,910	8,800	9,820	8,520	330	300	390	3.6	3.0	4.4
Skowhegan	21,340	21,940	22,540	20,040	20,750	21,030	1,300	1,190	1,510	6.1	5.4	6.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,340	8,420	8,440	7,690	7,840	7,760	650	580	680	7.8	6.9	8.1
Waterville	21,460	21,500	22,410	20,480	20,580	21,310	980	920	1,100	4.6	4.3	4.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,722.7	1,694.4	n/a	1,643.4	1,620.3	n/a	79.3	74.1	n/a	4.6	4.4
Massachusetts	3,067.0	3,040.0	3,075.4	2,958.0	2,925.0	2,971.2	110.0	115.0	104.2	3.6	3.8	3.4
New Hampshire	540.0	540.3	527.0	525.7	526.4	509.9	14.4	13.9	17.1	2.7	2.6	3.2
Rhode Island	508.8	509.4	504.7	488.5	490.2	482.3	20.3	19.2	22.4	4.0	3.8	4.4
Vermont	281.9	282.5	275.2	268.9	271.5	264.4	13.0	10.9	10.8	4.6	3.9	3.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,094.8	6,076.7	n/a	5,856.5	5,848.1	n/a	238.3	228.6	n/a	3.9	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	116,097	116,346	114,115	108,282	108,428	106,246	7,815	7,917	7,869	6.7	6.8	6.9

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,963	7,490	9,276	824	797	981	1,007	813	960
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	1.7	2.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.3	6.3	8.3
Clerical and Sales	10.6	13.4	18.0
Service	9.1	6.7	11.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.4	1.6	1.6
Processing	5.8	4.3	5.4
Machine Trades	19.7	20.2	16.5
Benchwork	21.2	26.1	15.8
Structural Work	13.9	10.3	9.6
Miscellaneous	13.0	11.1	13.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.8	55.0	56.1
Under 22	7.2	5.8	7.4
22-24	10.1	9.7	10.5
25-34	28.0	27.8	27.7
35-39	11.5	11.7	10.5
Total 40 and Over	43.2	46.0	43.9
40-44	9.1	9.0	8.0
45-54	13.6	14.1	12.1
55-64	10.8	11.0	10.1
65 and Over	9.7	10.9	13.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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